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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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RYO FUJIMOTO ET AL. )  
: Group Art Unit: 2177  
Appln. No.: 09/458,689 )  
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Filed: December 10, 1999 )  
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For: IMAGE MANAGING )  
: APPARATUS AND METHOD, )  
: IMAGE RETRIEVING )  
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: AND STORAGE MEDIUM ) November 12, 2003

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The claims changes are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 16.

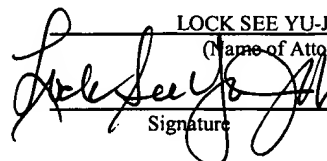
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